

NEW NEGOTIATIONS SPAR, DECK AND DOCK FOR HOTEL

RUMOR THAT THE HANDSOME REED BUILDING IS SOON TO BE TRANSFORMED INTO A FIRST-CLASS CARAVANSARY.

There are pleasant rumors abroad about the new negotiations for the transforming of the handsome Reed building into a first-class hotel, and though all sorts of efforts have been made to verify the fact it is not yet within the scope of affirmation, since the owner of the fine property is not prepared to yield up any convincing details.

As one suggestive fact in this relation, however, it may be said that the year's lease held by Charles Brown, the billiard man, of Portland, on the lower floor of the Reed, at the corner of Duane and Eleventh streets, terminated yesterday, and Mr. Reed peremptorily declined to renew the same, for specific but unnamed reasons, and this jibes in with the aforesaid rumor, which is to the effect that a long lease is under negotiation, involving the placing of one, and perhaps two additional stories on the building, and its prompt conversion into an hotel, of substantial proportions, and modern maintenance.

The placing of an additional floor on the building will yield 120 rooms to the new enterprise, and a second floor will give 150 rooms; and as the building at the present time is one of the best equipped in the city as far as its lighting and heating plants are concerned, these superstructures will entail only a matter of connection and extension in both elements of service, without disturbing the original installation in any way.

It is hoped that there is meat in the rumor and that no time is to be lost in the adaptation of the Reed to such a purpose. It is located admirably for hotel purposes, being within easy touch of the business life of the city, in fact in the very heart of it, and equally close to the government establishments of all kinds, municipal, county, federal, and an easy five minute walk from the theatres and boats, and ten minutes from the depot, if one does not want to ride.

The Astorian is pleased to make even this inadequate announcement, and hopes to see its early realization, both for Mr. Reed's sake and for that of the city itself.

MORMON PRESIDENT IMMUNE.

Can Use Church and Tithing Funds Without Accounting.

SALT LAKE, Oct. 16.—Judge Morse of the state district court today decided that President Smith of the Mormon church cannot be enjoined from using the funds of the Mormon church in commercial enterprises, nor be compelled to render an accounting of the tithing fund in his care as trustee of the church.

Aragonia Down From Portland EnRoute to China.

NICOMEDIA DUE AT ANY HOUR

Storm-King Holds Court on the Columbia River Bar Just Now—Gales and Heavy Seas Prevail—Shipping at a Standstill Here.

The German Trans-Pacific liner Aragonia came down from Portland yesterday morning under the pilotage of Captain Archie Pease, and is at anchor off the O. R. & N. piers, awaiting bar-weather to cross out on her journey to the Orient. She will, more than likely, meet her sister ship, the Nicomedia, before she is many miles from the bar, as that vessel is due at almost any hour from Nagasaki.

No news has been received from the steamer Telegraph, as to when she is to resume her trips between here and Portland, and there are those who pretend to avouch for the fact that she is off the river for the winter season; but when she was disabled one week ago yesterday, it was said she would be back on the run in just two weeks.

Pilots in from the bar at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, reported the bar as overwhelmingly rough, the weather threatening, and a tug in tow of a four-masted vessel just in sight on the hazy horizon, and also that the oil steamer Asuncion was bumping around outside, waiting for a chance to come in.

Mrs. Wagemann, the wife of Captain Wagemann, of the Portland-Asiatic steamship Nicomedia, en route from China to this port and Portland, is in the city to meet her husband and make the up-river trip with him.

The French bark La Perouse is lying off Tongue Point awaiting towage to Portland, which she will probably get sometime today. Charley Haddix, customs inspector, is a close prisoner on board, but not suffering from the extraordinary confinement, and will probably be released at Portland. He has to stay with her until she is within the purview of the other port officers. Frank Karinen is doing the same duty on the French bark Bourguinville, now en route to the metropolis.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Oregon and Washington—Columbia River, pages 56, 59, 61 and 62: The following buoys were replaced October 3: Channel West Side Buoy, 3, a first-class can, Mount Coffin Channel Buoy, 2, a second-class spar, Cottonwood Island Shoal, 1, a first-class spar; Martin Island Bar Buoys, 2 and 4, each a first-class spar. Reeder Crossings Buoys, 2,

4, 1, each a first-class spar. Washington—Juan de Fuca Strait page 75: Crescent Bay Buoy, 2, a first-class nun, reported adrift, October 5, will be replaced as soon as practicable. Eagle Harbor, page 79—Tyee Shoal Buoy, a HS, second-class can, reported adrift, October 3, will be replaced as soon as practicable.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. L. Kazerman is a guest at the Irving.

S. A. Malehorn, of Portland, is quartered at the Merwyn.

Alex J. Mexford of Brookfield is in the city for a few days.

The Occident is entertaining Mr. S. B. Klahn for a few days.

Wm. McAndrew and L. G. Dreker are commercial visitors, arriving last evening.

J. H. Temple of the Gate City, is attending to business matters here today.

Mrs. E. Church, a yesterday's arrival from Portland, is quartered at the Occident.

Mr. A. L. Pease is looking up his friends here today, having arrived from Portland last night.

Messrs. D. W. Price and M. R. Colby, both of Portland, are paying Astoria a business visit.

Among the tourists in the city yesterday were Mrs. E. E. Paul, of Littleton, Colo., and Mrs. N. K. Clayton, of Greeley, Colo. Mrs. Clayton is accompanied by her children.

Miss Mamie Wilson, the popular collector for the P. S. T. & T. company, has inaugurated her annual fortnight vacation and will get all the pleasures such events are supposed to bestow, if only the weather changes a bit for the better.

Fred S. Bynon, one of the leading real estate operators of Los Angeles, arrived in the city yesterday, accompanied by his little son, and leaves this morning for Long Beach and South Bend, on matters of business in relation to some lands he has purchased in Pacific county.

NOTICE.

All members of Concomity Tribe No. 7, I. O. R. M., are requested to attend the funeral of the late wife of our Brother, Vincent Bakotich, which takes place from St. Mary's Catholic church, at 10 o'clock this, Wednesday morning.

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DREYFUS IN COMMAND.

VINCENNES, Oct. 16.—Major Alfred Dreyfus has taken up his military duties here as major of artillery.

FIRE AT FOARD HOME YESTERDAY

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DESTRUCTION — CROSSED WIRES THE CAUSE—TIMELY ARRIVAL OF DEPARTMENT AVERTS DISASTER.

At ten minutes to 8 o'clock yesterday morning the handsome home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Foard, at 392 Seventeenth street, corner of Grand avenue was discovered to be on fire.

The discovery was made by Conrad Le Blanc, who was a guest in the house, and who was aroused by the dense smoke enveloping his apartment. He sprang from the bed and hurried over the hot floor to the room of Mr. Foard, a short distance away across the hall, and that gentleman was soon out and in instant touch with the fire department.

Hose carriage No. 1 was the first on the ground, making the run in just four minutes, with Billy Hume's Boston terrier "Squidgie" half a block in advance of the wagon, and was almost instantly followed by Chemical No. 1, and in a trice the danger was all over; but it is morally certain that ten minutes more of a start would have placed the building beyond salvation.

The fire originated in one of the lighting wires installed between the ceiling of the ground floor hall and the floor of the second story and was all but ready to burst into flame over all the territory traversed by that particular electric system. The damage, direct and indirect, is roughly estimated at \$600, and the home will, of course, be at once restored in all ways to the normal conditions of comfort that always prevail there.

One coincidence in this relation is remarked upon, and that is that Mrs. Foard, now en route to her old home in Germany, was to leave New York on the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm, Second, at the very hour her Astoria home was so gravely threatened with destruction. And the chiefest satisfaction Mr. Foard gets from the untoward circumstance, is that his wife does not, and cannot, know anything of it, until its restoration can be reported to her, as otherwise it would detract seriously from the pleasure of her trip abroad.

DONE BY DEED

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United States to Andrew Lambie, patent for 156.88 acres Section 5, T. 4 N., R. 8 W.

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